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WASHINGTON, September 25, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended September 20 totaled an estimated 17.7 billion ton-miles, 3.0 percent above the corresponding week of 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 38 weeks of 1986 was an estimated 641.7 billion ton-miles, 0.2 percent lower than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended September 20 totaled 398,629, virtually the same as the corresponding week of last year, and 1.0 percent higher than the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 3.7 percent in the West, and down 5.5 percent in the East. There was an increase of less than 0.1 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 14 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. However, grain showed a gain of 11,133 cars (58.5 percent). Thirteen of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

## Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended September 13 totaled 101,715 trailers and/or containers, 5.0 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 37 weeks of the year was 3,483,570 trailers and/or containers, up 9.3 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 09/20/86:

| | Loadings in Week ended September 20, 1986 | | Change from Corresponding Week 1985 | | | Change from Preceding Week | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cars | | Cars | Percent | | Cars | Percent |
| Grain | 30,179 | I | 11,133 | 58.5 | I | 1,891 | 6.9 |
| Other farm products | 3,786 | I | 422 | 12.5 | D | 52 | 1.4 |
| Metallic ores | 14,208 | I | 682 | 5.0 | D | 2,983 | 17.4 |
| Coal | 116,684 | D | 5,017 | 4.1 | D | 708 | 0.6 |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand | 15,240 | I | 470 | 3.2 | I | 233 | 1.6 |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 9,837 | D | 3,432 | 25.9 | I | 1,479 | 17.7 |
| Grain mill products | 10,890 | D | 430 | 3.8 | I | 73 | 0.7 |
| Food and kindred products | 11,128 | D | 470 | 4.1 | I | 351 | 3.3 |
| Primary forest products | 10,479 | D | 497 | 4.5 | I | 24 | 0.2 |
| Lumber and wood products except furniture | 8,063 | I | 636 | 8.6 | I | 146 | 1.8 |
| Pulp, paper and allied products | 12,372 | D | 792 | 6.0 | D | 101 | 0.8 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 25,103 | I | 251 | 1.0 | I | 52 | 0.2 |
| Petroleum products | 4,473 | D | 516 | 10.3 | D | 88 | 1.9 |
| Stone, clay and glass products | 10,699 | D | 592 | 5.2 | I | 67 | 0.6 |
| Coke | 3,572 | D | 1,040 | 22.5 | I | 130 | 3.8 |
| Metals and products | 7,223 | D | 1,264 | 14.9 | D | 68 | 0.9 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 20,401 | D | 1,821 | 8.2 | D | 162 | 0.8 |
| Waste and scrap materials | 8,164 | D | 1,113 | 12.0 | I | 522 | 6.8 |
| Forwarder and shipper association traffic | 3,389 | D | 3,716 | 52.3 | D | 6 | 0.2 |
| All other carloads | 72,628 | I | 7,348 | 11.3 | I | 3,311 | 4.8 |
| LCL traffic | 111 | D | 63 | 36.2 | I | 21 | 23.3 |
| Total Cars Loaded | 398,629 | I | 179 | 0.0 | I | 4,132 | 1.0 |
| Corresponding week of 1985 | 398,450 | | | | | | |

| | 1986 | 1985 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Cars Loaded (38 weeks) | 14,157,579 | 14,259,313 | D 0.7 |
| Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions): | | | |
| 37 Weeks ended September 13 | 624.0 | 625.7 | D 0.3 |
| Week ended September 20 | 17.7 | 17.2 | I 3.0 |
| 38 Weeks cumulative | 641.7 | 642.9 | D 0.2 |

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